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Attached herewith is a brief memorandum which deals with the recent establishment of a Soviet Ministry for the Maintenance of Public Order. Once this Ministry has been in existence long enough to provide a body of information regarding its operations, it would seem to offer an appropriate topic for one of the OKLOCKAGE publications.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Establishment of a Soviet Ministry for the Maintenance of Public Order.

1. Izvestiya, 27 July 1966 (also Krasnaya Zvezda, 27 July 1966), published a lengthy report concerning measures discussed by the Central Committee CPSU, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR, and the Council of Ministers USSR, to intensify the fight against crime. One of the measures mentioned in the report was the establishment of a "union-republic Ministry for Maintenance of Public Order USSR" /since 1960 these ministries have been on a republic level only/.

2. Pravda and Izvestiya, 28 July 1966, published the official decree concerning the establishment of the above ministry. The decree was dated 26 July 1966. The same issue of the paper published another decree concerning other measures "to increase administrative and criminal responsibility for hooliganism and to establish shorter periods of investigation and court examination."

